The World's Largest Stove

Built by the Michigan Stove Company for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, the World's Largest Stove" weighed 15 tons and measured 25 feet high, 30 feet long and 20 feet wide. After decades of exposure to Michigan weather, the familiar Detroit landmark was dismantled in 1974 and stored in a warehouse. In 1998, John Hertel, General Manager of the Michigan State Fairgrounds rallied corporations, labor unions and individuals to restore this symbol of nineteenth-century Detroit industry for present and future generations to enjoy. The restoration project was successful and the "World's Largest Stove" was unveiled at the Fairgrounds on August 24, 1998.

The majestic stove stands proudly on a grassy knoll with a pathway of Memorial Bricks leading up to it. These bricks provide an enduring legacy and may be ordered by completing the following application and mailing it with a donation of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Each 4x8" brick has an epoxy filling to ensure durability and each character engraved is ¾" high for clear visibility. There is space for three lines of engraving with each line containing a maximum of thirteen characters. To be placed at the Stove site in August 2006, Memorial Bricks must be ordered by May 31st, 2006.

The completed form and a check or money order payable to: <u>The State of Michigan</u> should be mailed to: THE STOVE PROJECT- MICHIGAN STATE FAIRGROUNDS - 1120 W. STATE FAIR AVENUE, DETROIT, MI 48203

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